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1. DE 196 25 880 A1 (U.S. Patent No. 5,733,486);
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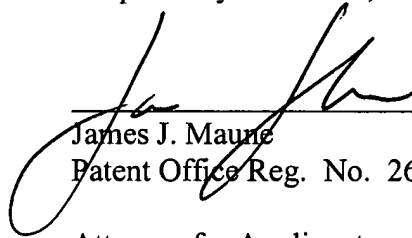
3. EP 0 126 174 A1
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